PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

) Group Art Unit: 2841
Examiner: GETACHEW, ABIY
) <u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of September 29, 2008.

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) of two (2) months in which to respond to the Office Action from December 29, 2008 to February 28, 2009, as well as payment in the amount of \$490.00 as the fee for such extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.